

County of San Diego, Health and Human Services Agency (HHS)
Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants (CAPI) Program Guide

Incarcerated CAPI Recipients

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Revision Date:

July 25, 2016

Background:

A CAPI recipient who is incarcerated for an entire month is not eligible for CAPI in that month. Income received upon release is considered unearned income for CAPI.

Purpose:

To provide the policy for incarcerated CAPI recipients.

Policy:

A CAPI recipient who becomes incarcerated is ineligible for CAPI when incarcerated for the entire month. The CAPI case must be closed in this situation and a Case Comment entered of the period of suspense, which is 12 consecutive months from the date the case is closed. See 99-105.7.B.2 for instructions on reinstatement of benefits within 12 months of suspension.

1. Payments after Release from Penal Institution:

A recipient's CAPI payment is prorated the month he/she is released from the penal institution following a period of ineligibility due to incarceration. The only type of prorated CAPI payment is for the month following a period of incarceration. Proration does not apply to other types of institutionalization.

ISM income is charged to a recipient for any month that the recipient is incarcerated as of the very first moment of the month. Charge the current PMV for each month, as appropriate. This amount is charged whether the recipient is released on the first or 31st of the month.

2. "Gate Money:"

Before inmates leave a penal institution, they are often given "gate money." This is an amount of \$200 or less and should be counted as unearned income. Ask formerly incarcerated CAPI applicants if they received "gate money" and the amount.

Procedure:

Follow the actions in the policies above for incarcerated CAPI applicants/recipients.

Program Impact/s:

None.

References:

MPP 49-035.5, 49-060.1(e)

ACL 98-82

Sunset Date:

This policy will be reviewed for continuance on or by 07/31/2019

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